



**TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**  
**460 James Robertson Parkway**  
**Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505**

May 30, 2012

Knox County  
**ATTN:** Mayor Tim Burchett  
City County Building, Suite 615  
400 Main Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902

**RE: NOTICE of TRA Receipt of Application for or Amendment to Certificate of Franchise Authority and OFFICIAL REQUEST for Information**

Dear: County Mayor Burchett:

On May 24, 2012, TDS Telecom Service Corporation ("TDS") applied with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Department") to amend its state-issued certificate of franchise authority. TDS asserts that it already serves this area and wishes to convert its existing local franchise to a state cable franchise.<sup>1</sup> By this time, you should have already received notice from TDS of its intention to serve your area. This and other related filings may be found on the TRA's website at <http://www.tn.gov/tra/dockets/1100125.htm>. The Department is required to send this notice so that you may act to preserve your Public, Educational and Governmental ("PEG") channels and PEG access support payments under Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-309.<sup>2</sup>

If the local franchise with TDS that existed as of July 1, 2008 required it to provide PEG channels or access payments, then you may be able to receive the same number of PEG channels and equivalent support payments from WK&T under the state cable franchise.<sup>3</sup> However, in order to claim these benefits, you must provide the TRA with information about the PEG channels and support payments negotiated under the incumbent provider's franchise *within ten (10) days* from the date you received notice from TDS that it intended to provide cable or video service to your municipality, specifically:

- (1) The number of PEG channels that have been activated by the incumbent;
- (2) The number of PEG channels that are authorized to be activated under the incumbent franchise; and,
- (3) The amount of any fee or other payment for PEG access support required under the incumbent franchise.<sup>4</sup>

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope to send the above information to:

**Tennessee Regulatory Authority**  
**ATTN: Docket Room (11-00125)**  
**460 James Robertson Parkway**  
**Nashville, TN 37243**

If you have already forwarded this information to the TRA upon receipt of the notice from the applicant or state-issued franchise service provider in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-309(a), please disregard this request. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (615) 741-2904 x196 or at the address listed above. Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Carlos Black  
Utility Rate Analyst, Policy & Economic Analysis Division

<sup>1</sup> See Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-314.

<sup>2</sup> See Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-314(b)(1).

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Wilson County  
ATTN: Mayor Randall Hutto  
Wilson County Courthouse  
228 E. Main Street, Room 104  
Lebanon, TN 37087

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